This guide has been created as a quick reference to answer questions you may have about your lease agreement. You and your guests are responsible for knowing these policies and all other distributed and posted policies.

**Terms of Lease**
You have signed an academic year lease. This means that you cannot move out of your room unless you have been released from this contract. In order to be released, you must petition for release through Residential Services. We cannot guarantee that you will be released from a contract.

**Right of Entry**
Authorized personnel have the right to enter your room in order to repair or inspect for maintenance reasons. In addition, authorized personnel have the right to enter your room for conduct or safety reasons. Your room may be entered and searched when there is cause to believe that a University violation is being or has been committed. Authorized personnel include but is not limited to University Police, Maintenance, Residential Services, and Residence Life staff.

### Alcohol
Alcohol and/or containers (empty or full) are prohibited in rooms of residents under the age of 21. If one individual is 21, alcohol is permitted, but cannot be provided to any one under 21.

### Candles
Candles in any form (including never used) are prohibited.

### Damages
Damages is the responsibility of the residents occupying the room.

### Decorations
Decorations that are temporary are permitted.

- Nails, screws, shelves, or any other permanent decorations are prohibited.
- Nothing can be attached to or hanging from the ceiling.
- Cloth materials (tapestries) cannot cover more than 50% of the wall and cannot be hung above or around a bed, over a light, or cover a smoke detector.
- Painter’s tape and removable mounting tape are the only adhesives.

### Door closers
Door closers must remain attached and secure at all times. Removal or disabling of a door closer for any reason will result in a fine.

### Door Hangers
Door Hangers or any item hung over the top of the door are not permitted because they impair the ability of the door to close and latch properly, thus creating a security concern.

### Furniture
Furniture placed in a student room must remain in the House. Furniture cannot be placed in hallways, bathrooms, stairwells, or corridors. Furniture may not be stored in common areas or outside.

### Hoverboards
Hoverboards are not permitted on campus.

### Inspections
Inspections are performed by the University in all houses:

- Emergency lighting, fire extinguisher, and fire system checks
- Life Safety inspections in common areas every month.
- Room inspections once each semester.

### Life Safety Equipment
Life Safety Equipment is to be used only as necessary in case of fire. Tampering with any fire safety equipment including bells, detectors, hoses, horns, alarms, extinguishers, exit evacuation instructions, sprinklers, and other equipment is unlawful and punishable by a $500—$1000 fine plus repair/replacement cost and disciplinary action.

### Lofts
Lofts safety guidelines and sample construction specifications are available online. A Student Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form must be submitted prior to constructing your loft.

### Noise
Noise that is disruptive to sleep or study is not permitted. Lehigh honors courtesy hours 24-hours/day. Quiet hours are Sunday-Thursday at 11pm-8am and Friday-Saturday at 1am-10am.

### Prohibited Activities
Prohibited Activities include accessing roofs; creating excessive noise; drinking games; dropping, throwing, or shooting objects from windows; experimenting with chemicals; open burning; snowball fights; playing sports inside; playing with fire; removing University property; sleeping in lounges/public areas; smoking inside buildings; soliciting; using, possessing, or selling illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia; using power tools; vandalizing; water fights; and washing, repairing, or storing vehicles.

### Security Screens
Security Screens must remain closed and locked at all times. Opening a screen for non-emergency purposes will result in a fine.

### Smoking/Vaporizers/E-Cigarettes/Hookahs
Smoking/Vaporizers/E-Cigarettes/Hookahs are prohibited from use inside the Greek houses.

### Visitors
Visitors can stay for up to 3 consecutive days with approval from roommates. Guest must abide by all University policies and regulations. Residents will be held account for their guests’ actions.

**NOTE: Changes/Clarifications for 2017-2018 Academic Year**

- Rice Cookers are not permitted in rooms
- Power and extension cords may not be used to plug-in kitchen appliances.

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Questions or concerns regarding this information can be directed to your Gryphon, Assistant Director of Residence Life, or the Office of Residential Services.